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DOD ISSUED FOLLOWING NEWS RELEASE JUNE 27:

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM CLEMENTS AND GOVERNOR RAFAEL HERNANDEZ-COLON OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO ANNOUNCED SIMULTANEOUSLY TODAY THAT UNQUALIFIED DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE CONCERNING NAVAL WEAPONS TRAINING ON CULEBR8 AND THE CULEBRA CAYS AND THAT THOSE DECISIONS HAVE BEEN RE-VIEWED AND APPROVED BY PRESIDENT NIXON.

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2. THE DECISIONS PROVIDE THAT:

(A) WEAPONS TRAINING ACTIVITIES ON CULEBRA ISLAND ITSELF  
WILL BE TERMINATED BY JULY 1, 1975.

(B) WEAPONS TRAINING ON THE CULEBRA CAYS WILL END AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE AFTER JULY 1, 1975, BUT IN NO EVENT LATER THAN  
DECEMBER 31, 1975.

3. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SECRETARY AND THE GOVERNOR ARE  
CONDUCTING FURTHER TALKS ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF CULEBRA  
IN SAN JUAN AT THE MOMENT, THE SECRETARY HAS INSTRUCTED  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY TO CONTINUE ITS SEARCH FOR  
ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR THE WEAPONS TRAINING ACTIVITIES;  
IN CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES THE SECRETARY WILL TAKE I TO  
ACCOUNT RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND  
U;S. OBJECTIVES IN THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS. NO  
ALTERNATIVE SITE HAS BEEN DECIDED UPON. ANY NEW SITE  
IN PUERTO RICO WOULD BE ONE JOINTLY AGREED UPON BY THE  
COMMONWEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENTOF DEFENSE.

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